

HOUSE BILL 3876

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AN ACT to amend Chapter 49 of the Private Acts of 1999; as amended by Chapter 115 of the Private Acts of 2000; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 49 of the Private Acts of 1999; as amended by Chapter 115 of the Private Acts of 2000; and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 9 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 9. The Board of Trustees shall have the responsibility and authority to control and operate the hospital, clinical and healthcare facilities described herein; to receive all revenues derived from such facilities, and any donations or grants; and to disburse all such monies to discharge the financial obligations related to the facilities described in this act and otherwise as determined by the Board of Trustees; to exercise the powers granted to private act hospital authorities under Chapter 778 of the Public Acts of 1996, codified as Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 57, Part 6, to make contracts for goods and services; to establish policies, rules and regulations governing the operation of the said hospital, its uses and management; and to define the duties and establish the compensation of the administrator; to regulate admissions to the said hospital, clinical and healthcare facilities and establish reasonable rates and charges for the services rendered by such facilities; and to collect and receipt for the same. All monies of the authority shall be disbursed in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted and determined by the Board of Trustees, by check signed by the facility administrator. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the authority of the Board of Trustees to enter into joint ownership arrangements with other providers

relative to healthcare facilities within the city limits of Cookeville, Tennessee shall be limited to those healthcare facilities that are located on the campus of CRMC. For purposes of this act, the campus of CRMC shall include all real property owned by the City of Cookeville and on which are located hospital, clinical or healthcare facilities (Ch. 115, Private Acts, 2000, Section 3). Outside of Cookeville, Tennessee, the Board of Trustees shall have the specific powers as enumerated below without the requirement that such facility must be on the campus of CRMC as defined above:

(1) Participate as a shareholder in a corporation, as a joint venture, as a general partner, as a limited partner, as a member of a nonprofit corporation or as a member of any other lawful form of business that provides hospital, medical or healthcare subject to approval by the City Council.

(2) Create, establish, acquire, operate or support subsidiaries and affiliates, either profit or nonprofit subject to approval by the City Council.

(3) Exercise in any county in Tennessee any power authorized by this act or general law subject to approval by the City Council.

(4) Only incur indebtedness as part of any joint venture, as a general partner, as a limited partner, as a member of a nonprofit corporation or as a member of any other lawful form of business that provides hospital, medical or healthcare with the approval of the City Council

In the exercise of its power, CRMC may acquire, manage, lease, purchase, sell, contract for or otherwise participate solely or with others in the ownership or operation of hospital, medical or health program properties and facilities subject to the limitations set forth in this act, and in Chapter No. 49 of the Private Acts of 1999 and Chapter No. 115 of the Private Acts of 2000.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the City of Cookeville. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the City of Cookeville and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.